



Sens. McGovern and Hatfield. (RNS)

Defeat of 'Peace' Bill Disappoints Catholic Aide

Washington — (NC) — Defeat in the U.S. Senate of the McGovern-Hatfield "amendment to end the war" in Vietnam "disappointed" an official of the U.S. Catholic Conference's division of world justice and peace.

By a 55-39 vote the measure proposed by Sens. George S. McGovern, (D-S.D.) and Mark O. Hatfield, (R-Ore.) to cut off all financing of Vietnam area war by the end of 1971, was rejected.

"I was disappointed in the defeat of the McGovern-Hatfield 'amendment to end the war,'" said Father Patrick P. McDermott, S.J., assistant director for peace of the USCC division, "because the Senate action did not help settle the crucial issue, that is, the continuing American military presence in Southeast Asia.

"The President, for a variety of reasons, has remained silent on his ultimate withdrawal plans, whether or not they are tied to the survival of the present Saigon government or one like it," he said.

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New School Chief Named in New York

New York — (RNS) — Msgr. Joseph T. O'Keefe, associate secretary of education of the Archdiocese of New York since 1968, has been appointed secretary for the system. He will work with Cardinal Cooke in formulating educational policy of the elementary and secondary schools.

Msgr. O'Keefe, 51, will also become executive secretary of the newly-formed archdiocesan Board of Education, a predominantly lay board of 14 members.

The New York archdiocese has 300 elementary and 96 secondary schools with more than 190,000 students in Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island and seven upstate counties.

PEACE STATEMENT APPROVED

Milwaukee — (NC) — A "dedication toward Christian peace" statement, deploring war and violence as options open to men and nations to settle disputes, was adopted by the Milwaukee archdiocese Priests' Senate — but the vote was not unanimous. Of the 30-member senate, 25 attended the meeting. The vote was 19 in favor, five against and one abstained.

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A final 1970 crusade total of \$205,021 has been reported by the American Cancer Society, Monroe County Unit surpassing the goal of \$199,500. The figure exceeds last year's contributions by \$21,803.

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'A Privilege'

Bp. Walsh Describes China Stay

Ossining, N.Y. — (NC) — Speaking to a capacity crowd of Maryknollers assembled here in his honor, Bishop James E. Walsh called his experience in China—including 12 years in a Communist prison—a privilege.

In a voice which faltered at first but became stronger and animated, the 79-year-old prelate addressed about 900 priests, Religious and laymen associated with the order during a special day of thanksgiving at Maryknoll headquarters.

"I thank God for giving me what I call a privilege," Bishop Walsh said during the thanksgiving Mass he concelebrated with 184 other Maryknoll priests. He added that it was a "privilege to stay with my people in China in their troubled time."

Referring to his imprisonment, he said it was an even greater privilege "to share in my slight little degree in the hardship . . . in the cause of

Him who took our sins upon Himself and suffered so much for me and for all men."

A missionary in China for 40 years, Bishop Walsh was executive secretary of the Catholic Central Bureau in Shanghai—an office coordinating all Catholic missionary, cultural, welfare and educational activities in China.

The bureau was closed in 1956, and the Red Chinese jailed Bishop Walsh on charges of espionage in 1958. Although sentenced to 20 years imprisonment, he was released early—July 8—due to old age and poor health.

The bishop thanked Maryknollers from all over the U.S.—who jammed Mary Queen of Apostles Chapel during the day of thanksgiving—for their prayers. "They gave me a feeling of security and consolation all through the 12 years I was in captivity," he said.

Fr. Mensing Dies; First President Of Siena College

Father Cyprian F. Mensing, OFM., a Rochester native who was first president of Siena College in Loudonville, died Aug. 31, 1970, at the age of 74. The funeral was held at St. Bonaventure Friary in Allegany, where he had lived in recent years.

Father Mensing was educated at St. Andrew's Seminary, St. Bonaventure, the Eastman School of Music, Columbia University and Catholic University of America. He was ordained in Buffalo May 26, 1923. He was prefect at St. Bonaventure from 1930 to 1938, and president of Siena from 1938 to 1943. He once taught at Aquinas Institute and also did parish work in the dioceses of Mobile and Birmingham, Ala.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Rose Frank of Rochester and several nieces and nephews.

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